

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT DAY

The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has proclaimed December 4-8, 2006 as National Project Homeless Connect Week. This week of national events will unite government, community volunteers, non-profit agencies, businesses, and faith-based organizations to create a single point of engagement with services and housing for homeless individuals and families. Project Homeless Connect is a unique opportunity for homeless citizens to access services in a supportive community setting.

In recognition of this effort, on December 6, 2006 the County and many of our community partners are sponsoring Project Homeless Connect Day 2006. Events are scheduled at the following seven sites: Downtown Los Angeles; Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena; South Los Angeles; West Los Angeles; Hollywood/West Hollywood; Long Beach; and, Pomona. The County's health and human services departments as well as local non-profit agencies, the Cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Long Beach and Santa Monica, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Social Security Administration, the United Way and the Office of Veteran's Affairs are participating in the event.

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Molina _____

Burke _____

Yaroslavsky _____

Knabe _____

Antonovich _____

Project Homeless Connect Day is expecting to serve 4,500 homeless individuals. Each participant will receive a comprehensive needs assessment and then will be escorted by a volunteer to a variety of resource booths that can provide screening for eligibility and connection with services. Homeless participants will also go through a discharge process prior to leaving the site to ensure that clients have a clear understanding of service opportunities and to confirm service eligibility, appointments, and referrals.

Project Homeless Connect Day 2006 will rely heavily on volunteers to serve as intake workers, escorts, food servers, and, discharge workers.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaims December 6, 2006, as PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT DAY in Los Angeles County;
2. Directs County Departments including the Departments of Public Social Services, Mental Health, Children and Family Services, Public Health, and Internal Services to participate in the PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT DAY 2006 and to work with the Chief Administrative Office to ensure effective coordination on December 6, 2006;
3. Requests that County departments encourage their staffs to volunteer on the day of the event and accommodate reasonable requests for personal leave by County staff who choose to volunteer; and
4. Directs the Chief Administrative Officer to coordinate with County departments regarding deployment of County staff who work in both an official and voluntary capacity at the event.

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